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September 16, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REJECT BIDS
PARKWAY TREE PLANTING, COUNTYWIDE (AS NEEDED) FY 2007-08
VARIOUS UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to reject all bids for Parkway Tree Planting, Countywide (As Needed) FY 2007-08 for the planting of parkway trees throughout unincorporated communities of the County of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Reject all bids received on February 5, 2008, for Project ID No. RMD1546053 Parkway Tree Planting, Countywide (As Needed) FY 2007-08, in various unincorporated communities of the County of Los Angeles (All).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to reject the bids received for this work due to the high bids received.

Bids were opened on February 5, 2008. The lowest responsive and responsible bid is 44 percent above the engineer's estimate. Since the lowest bid is substantially higher than the estimate, we believe rejecting all bids is in the best interest of the County. We determined the most essential items of work of this project can be constructed by County forces. The remaining work will be included in future contracts.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Service Excellence (Goal 1), Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4), and Community Services (Goal 6). The recommended action will allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to perform the work of this project at the lowest cost possible.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

We believe rejecting these bids is in the best interest of the County. The Instruction to Bidders included in the bid documents provides for the rejection of all bids by your Board if such action is in the best interest of the County.

A certified record of receipt of the bids and the original bid proposal as submitted by the lowest bidder are included to be filed at the Executive Office.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On April 3, 2007, Agenda Item 47, your Board found this project statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact to current services.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,


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